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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Thoma et al. ) Conf. No.: 6977  
Serial No: 10/506,937 ) Art Unit: 1615  
Filed: October 13, 2004 ) Examiner: Levy, Neil S.  
For: TASTE MASKED VETERINARY SOLID COMPOSITIONS

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as herein provided. The amendments presented herein are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants need not file any Request for Continued Examination or further fee is required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or deficiency, including excess claims fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528 (N079 1030.US).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this submission.